



PARRA NOTES

Friday, June 10

Things have certainly slowed down in the Capitol this week. It was a nice change of pace after some intense legislative days last week.

This week I had the opportunity to meet with the **California Association of Realtors**. Taking part in the meeting were **Greg Bynum**, **Cassie Daniel**, **Ray Knapp**, **Jeanne Radsick**, **Darrell Sparks**, **Linda Vernon** and **Leslie Waters**, all members of the **Bakersfield Chapter**. Later in the day, I met with several members of the **Kings County** and **Tulare County Association of Realtors**.

Legislative Update

Policy committees were once again allowed to meet after a week and a half long recess. On Wednesday, I presented **AB 434** before the Senate Banking and Finance Committee. You may recall from previous **Parra Notes** that **AB 434** will require California state chartered credit unions to allow individuals to open tax sheltered accounts specifically for health care and education. I am happy to report that this legislation has now passed the Senate Banking and Finance Committee and is headed to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

CHILD RECOVERY AND RECOVERY UNITS

In the May 13 **Parra Notes** I reported that I had been working with the Budget Committee to ensure that funding was not cut for county-run **Child Recovery and Reduction Units**. These units are responsible for recovering a child who has been abducted by a custodian.

I was especially concerned about this matter because the administration had proposed to repeal the mandate that would fund this program. Although the Assembly Budget Sub 4 Committee voted to not eliminate this mandate, the State Senate failed to do the same. As a result, the issue was set before a **Conference Committee** made up of both State Senators and Assembly Members.

Of late, Assembly Members Lois Wolk, Juan Arambula and Michael Villines and I have signed onto a letter addressed to Assemblymember John Laird, Chair of the Budget Conference Committee. The letter urges Assemblymember Laird to continue funding for the Child Abduction Mandate.

THE CENTRAL VALLEY RURAL CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM (CVRCP)

CVRCP is a program crucial to protecting the citizens and the economy of the San Joaquin Valley. The program has been praised by the Legislative Analyst and has served as a model for other jurisdictions looking to curb rural crime.

But now this program is being threatened. The May revise proposes cutting funding for **CVRCP** by 60%, leaving just over \$1.4 million to be divided between eight Central Valley Counties.

I have signed onto a letter addressed to Assemblymember John Laird, Chair of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee urging him to restore the \$3.541 million for **CVRCP** in the Legislature's budget proposal.

Other Highlights

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP

The second Northern District Public Safety Advisory Group meeting will be held today, **Friday, June 10th** from **3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** in a room adjacent to my Hanford District office located at 321 N. Douty Street, Suite B. Mike Dayton, Deputy Director for the State Office of Homeland Security will give a presentation and answer any questions you may have. For more information please contact Manuel Barrera at **(661)334-3745**.

WOMEN'S ADVISORY GROUP

This Saturday **June 11th**, my Women's Advisory Group will be gathering for the first time. Two meetings have been established to accommodate as many as possible. The first meeting will take place from **10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** at the **Hanford Civic Building Training Conference Room** located at **321 N. Douty Street** in **Hanford**. The second meeting will take place from **2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the **Kern County Housing Authority's Conference Room** located at **601 24th Street** in **Bakersfield**. It is not too late to join! This is a great opportunity to meet and join other women in the community as we discuss upcoming legislation, the state budget and other issues of importance to women. For more information please contact **Nathalia Carrillo** at **(661) 334-3745** or **Teresa Plascencia** at **(559)585-7170**.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TOWN HALL

On Saturday **June 18th**, I will be hosting a Domestic Violence Town Hall Meeting from **1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** at the **Kern County Fire Fighters Hall** located at **3615 Mt. Vernon Avenue** in **Bakersfield**. This event is open to the public. For more information please contact Juan Cerda at my Bakersfield District office at **(661) 334-3745** or by e-mail at Juan.Cerda@asm.ca.gov.

HEALTH ADVISORY GROUP

The **Office of Statewide Planning and Development (OSHDP)** has offered to participate in a conference call to be held on **Tuesday, June 28** from **10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** with members of my Health Advisory Group and anyone else interested. They will inform us on the various services their agency offers. If you are interested in participating please contact **Frank Stiger** at **(559) 585-7170** or by e-mail at Frank.Stiger@asm.ca.gov

FOSTER CARE CONFERENCE

On **July 9th**, I will be hosting a Foster Care Conference at **California State University Bakersfield's Student Union Building** from **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Registration begins at **8:00 a.m.** Joining me will be several organizations who will inform foster care youth and parents of available resources and rights. This event is open to the public. For more information please contact Juan Cerda at my Bakersfield District office at **(661) 334-3745** or by e-mail at Juan.Cerda@asm.ca.gov.

SUMMER INTERNS WANTED

I am presently accepting applications for my summer internship program in my Hanford and Bakersfield district offices. Candidates should be residents of the 30th Assembly District, possess solid research and communication skills, have a strong interest in public policy and political issues facing the Central Valley.

Applications can be found at <http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a30>. For more details, please contact Jeff Forbes at the Hanford office at **(559) 585-7170** or by e-mail at jeff.forbes@asm.ca.gov. For Bakersfield office internships please contact **Manuel Barrera** at **(661) 334-3745** or by e-mail at Manuel.Barrera@asm.ca.gov

GRANTS

Beginning late June my office will be distributing grant packages. Included in the package will be information regarding, state, federal and private grants. For more information please contact Jeff Forbes at **(559) 585-7170** or by e-mail at jeff.forbes@asm.ca.gov .

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